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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of )

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Serial No. 09/975,917 )

Filed: October 10, 2001 )

For: CONNECTOR AND METHOD  
OF MANUFACTURE )

Examiner: ERIC K. NICHOLSON )

Group Art Unit 3679 )

## CERTIFICATE OF EXPRESS MAILING

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of this Petition For Extension Of Time was deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2004.

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Attorney Docket No. FLN.P.US0002

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.136(a)**

Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION  
Commissioner For Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant's attorneys hereby request an extension of time, pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.136(a), to allow the filing of Applicants' divisional application based upon the subject application within the third month after the shortened statutory period.

A check in the amount of \$490.00 is submitted herewith to cover the fee as set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(3). In the event an additional fee is applicable for the filing of this document and the required fee is not enclosed or the fee submitted is incorrect, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any excess respecting filing of this Petition for Extension of Time to Account No. 18-0987.

Respectfully submitted,

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